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SUBJECT: KREISKY ON PLO OFFICE IN VIENNA

REF: STATE 18552

1. DURING MY MEETING WITH CHANCELLOR JANUARY 27, KREISKY VOLUNTEERED THAT GOA IS WILLING IN PRINCIPLE TO ALLOW PLO TO OPEN OBSERVER MISSION TO UN BODIES IN VIENNA. I NOTED THAT IF PLO WERE TO OPEN SUCH OFFICE, WE WOULD HOPE GOA WOULD LIMIT ITS STATUS TO THAT OF PLO OFFICES IN NEW YORK AND GENEVA. (REFTEL)

2. KREISKY RESPONDED THAT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE OTHER ACTIVITIES OF PLO OFFICE WERE CONCERNED, GOA WOULD BE WILLING "TO LISTEN TO PLO REPRESENTATIVE WHO WILL VISIT VIENNA NEXT MONTH AND TO EXAMINE SITUATION." (COMMENT: KREISKY'S OBSERVATIONS ON SUBJECT SUGGEST THAT HE HAS ALREADY GIVEN GO-AHEAD FOR OPENING OF PLO OBSERVER MISSION IN VIENNA BUT THAT HE WILL DELAY ACTION ON INFORMATION OFFICE REQUEST UNTIL LATER, MORE PROPITIOUS DATE).

3. KREISKY CLOSED HIS DISCUSSION OF ISSUE BY RELATING HIS REPORTED DAY-EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH ISRAEL AMBASSADOR TO VIENNA ON SAME SUBJECT. KREISKY REPORTEDLY OBSERVED THAT AUSTRIA IS ONLY COUNTRY OF INITIAL TRANSIT FOR SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRES LEAVING SOVIET UNION AND THAT

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IF THIS ARRANGEMENT IS TO CONTINUE, AUSTRIA MUST ALSO

SHOW SOME FLEXIBILITY TOWARD ARAB WORLD, TO WIT, ALLOW
OPENING OF PLO OFFICE IN VIENNA. BUCHANAN

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